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In re Application of:

HYUN-SOOK LEE

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Art Unit: 2131

For: SECURITY METHOD FOR OPERATOR ACCESS CONTROL OF NETWORK
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and §§1.97 and 1.98 as amended, Applicant cites, describes, and provides copies of the following art references. Under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) however, copies of U.S. patent reference(s) are not provided.

FOREIGN PATENT REFERENCE:

- European Patent Publication No.: EP 1 274 212 to Sato, entitled *METHOD AND DEVICE AVOIDING UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS*, published on 8 January 2003 (with English abstract).

OTHER DOCUMENTS:

- Chinese Office Action for Chinese Patent Application No. 200410005804.7 issued on 15 September 2006.

DISCUSSION

According to the Chinese Office Action, **Sato, EP'212** discloses that when a first access from an external apparatus occurs to an intelligent interconnecting device and the external apparatus is authenticated in authentication processing based on a TCP/IP protocol in the intelligent interconnecting device, the intelligent interconnecting device stores therein a source IP address of the external apparatus. When an access from an external apparatus occurs thereafter, a response to the access is permitted only when a source IP address of the external apparatus giving the access is identical with the source IP address stored in advance.

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The citation of the foregoing references is not intended to constitute an assertion that other or more relevant art does not exist. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to make a wide-ranging and thorough search of the relevant art.

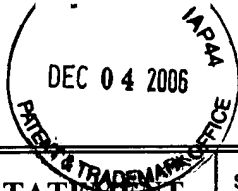
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**TRANSLATION**

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	YES	NO
	EP 1 274 212	01/2003	EUROPE			Abstract	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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